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**REQUEST
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Application Number	09/646,198
Filing Date	September 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Mitsui Matsui et al.
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Nikolas J. Uhliir
Attorney Docket Number	1419-00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on July 10, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

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i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for
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b. Other _____

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Art Unit : 1773
Examiner : Nikolas J. Uhlir
Serial No. : 09/646,198
Filed : September 14, 2000
Inventors : Mitsuji Matsui
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Title : SURFACE TREATING METHOD
: FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS
: AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM
: WHEEL SURFACE-TREATED
: BY THE SAME METHOD

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